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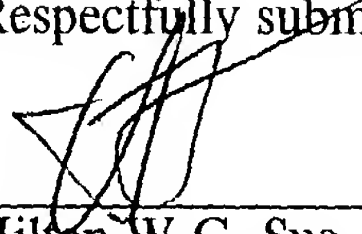
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**LIST OF PATENTS AND PUBLICATIONS FOR  
APPLICANT'S INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
[Form PTO-1449 (Modified)]**

Other Art

Examiner	ID	Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.
	OA: 1	Proakis, J.G. <i>Digital Communications</i> , 3rd Edition, McGraw-Hill, 1995.
	OA: 2	Xiong, F. <i>Digital Modulation Techniques</i> , Artech House, 2000.
	OA: 3	ITU-T Recommendation G. 775 - "General Aspects of Digital Transmission Systems: Loss of Signal (LOS) and Alarm Indication Signal (AIS) Defect Detection and Clearance Criteria", 1994.
	OA: 4	ITU-T Recommendation G. 823 - "The Control of Jitter and Wander Within Digital Networks Which Are Based on the 2048 kbit/s Hierarchy", March 1993.
	OA: 5	Telecordia (Bellcore) GR-499-CORE - "Transport Systems Generic Requirements (TSGR): Common Requirements", December 1995.

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